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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
NAVAL BATTLE
IN
GULF OF RIGA.
RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP
SUNK.
OTHER SHIPS SEVERELY
DAMAGED.
London, Oct. 18.
A Russian official communiqué
received by wireless states that in
a naval battle in the Gulf of Riga
the Russian battleship *Slava* was
sunk.
A further Russian communiqué
states:-
The enemy completely occupied
Oesel Island.
We destroyed everything of military
utility.
The enemy penetrated the Gulf of
Riga after depriving us of the control
of the Irbe Channel and pressed
back our patrols to Moon Sound.
Our battleships *Grazhdanin* and
Slava, and the cruisers *Bayan* and
Novik engaged the enemy and drove back his
vanguard.
Our ships engaged the principal
fighting units, including two dread-
noughts of the *Ginzei* type.
The enemy's artillery outmanned that
of our old ships, which defended the
entrance for a considerable time,
severe damage ultimately forcing
their retirement.
The Russian battleship *Slava* re-
ceived several hits below the water-
line. Nearly all the crew were
saved.
The coast batteries at the entrance
to Moon Sound dispersed torpedo-
boats which were attempting to
approach our ships.
Afterwards an enemy dreadnought
put our batteries out of action.
Another detachment of our Naval
forces in Moon Sound kept back
attacks from the North.
Simultaneously a great number of
aircraft dropped many bombs on our
ships and harbours.
The enemy landed small detach-
ments on Dago Island, but our fire
forced them to return to their ships.
Subsequently an enemy cruiser
and dreadnought bombarded the
landing place.
Patrols report that there are 55
enemy ships in the neighbourhood
of Oesel and Dago.
GERMANS CAPTURE MOON ISLAND.
A wireless German official message
says:-
We have captured Moon Island.

THE WESTERN FRONT.
SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S REPORT.
London, Oct. 18.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports that the London regiments
successfully raided last night in the
neighbourhood of Gavrelle. Several
of the enemy were killed or taken
prisoners. Our casualties were light.
Hostile artillery was active south-
ward of the Ypres-Comines Canal,
and in the neighbourhood of Zonne-
seke and Broodseinde.
ARTILLERY ACTIONS ON FRENCH
FRONT.
London, Oct. 17.
A French communiqué says there
have been lively artillery actions,
particularly in the region of Plateau
and Ailles and on the right of the
Meuse.
FRENCH AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.
London, Oct. 18.
A French communiqué states:-
Enemy aeroplanes last night again
bombed Nancy. There were some
civilian victims.
Six German aeroplanes were de-
stroyed yesterday and five fell out
of control in their own lines.
French air squadrons freely bomb-
arded railway stations, factories, nume-
rous munition depots and bivouacs.
THE BOMBARDMENT OF NANCY.
A GERMAN "REPRISAL."
London, Oct. 18.
A German official announcement
says:-
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furt, we again bombed Nancy.



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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION
No. 8, 227.

Medical Department,
IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that
SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate,
which should be clearly marked "Tender
for Medical Department Contract" will
be received at the Colonial Secretary's
Office until Noon of SATURDAY the
27th October, 1917, for the supply of
Aerated Waters, Beers, Spirits, Wines,
Chemicals, Drugs, Surgical Instruments,
and Sundries: Furniture, etc.; Milk,
etc.; Provisions; Sundries; and Washing;
(Schedules Nos. 1 to 10) required locally
by this Department for the period of
one year from the first of January next
inclusive.
Application should be made to the
Colonial Secretary's Office for the
necessary forms of tender. All other
information may be obtained from the
Principal Civil Medical Officer at the
Civil Hospital.

J. T. C. JOHNSON,
Principal Civil Medical Officer.
Hongkong, Oct. 18, 1917. 2200

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of October, 1917, at 11.30 A.M. for the
purpose of receiving a statement of
accounts and the report of the General
Managers, and electing a Consulting
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 15th to 20th
of October, 1917, both days inclusive.
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"FIVE ENGLANDS."

[FROM THE "TIMES"]

Professor F. W. Foerster, whose un-
orthodox views about the war some time
ago caused scandal at Munich University,
and who is now living in Switzerland,
contributes to the *Berliner Tageblatt* an
article in support of Prince Liechtenowsky's
recent attacks on Herr Friedrich Naumann
and the "Central Europe" school. The
real charge against this "Central Europe-
Europeans" is that they provoked the
resolutions of the Paris Economic
Conference, and that their candid re-
velations have upset all good British Free
Traders, and especially Free Traders
with a bias towards Germany. Professor
Foerster welcomes Prince Liechtenowsky's
efforts to "encourage" the "independent
men" who still hold high the Free
Trade tradition in England. But even
Professor Foerster is indiscreet enough
to admit that he is making a virtue of
necessity, for he writes—

The longer the war lasts, the more
impossible would it become for Germany
and Austria to pay their gigantic debts,
and to enter into world-economics with
new strength, if, on account of Central
European shortsightedness, they were
themselves to blame for the closure to
them of free trade intercourse with the
West and with overseas.

Professor Foerster, who regards himself
as a great authority on England, offers
the German public the following interest-
ing information—

1. The English are to-day five Englands—
The English, which was played out in the Boer War, to-day
it takes out its existence only in
Northcliffe Press, and politically is no
longer a determining factor.

2. The England of Lloyd George, which
does not want "conquered," but wants to
overpower the "Prussian war gods."
3. The England of Lord Balfour—that
is to say, the statesmanlike England,
which does not speak with trumpets, but
simply desires order (order, it is true,
corresponding with its views) in the
world.

4. The England of the *Manchester
Guardian*, the mercantile-exporting Eng-
land, which represents the sober,
calculating great merchant, who knows
that nobody in his senses strikes his last
customer dead. Only read the articles of
the *Manchester Guardian*, and you will
always find there the calmest and most
respectable tone towards Germany. The
Manchester Guardian seems also to be
satisfied with autonomy for Alsace-
Lorraine, and in this respect certainly
goes much farther to meet us than Lord
Balfour does.

5. The Pacific England, which has
little influence, although very distin-
guished men, even members of the
House of Lords, are to be found in its
ranks. In these circumstances, a real
statesman must surely aim at our get-
ting the England of Lord Balfour, the
England of the *Manchester Guardian*, and
the Pacific England on our side. Instead
of that, we have only succeeded, by a
long series of mistakes and omissions, in
welding these last three Englands, with
the Imperialistic England of the North-
cliffe Press and the England of Lloyd
George. That is the central fact of the
situation.

(It should be explained that Professor
Foerster's "Lord Balfour" is the present
Foreign Secretary.)

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often appear. Vitamins are chemical
bodies necessary for the maintenance of
a human organism. In a well balanced
diet of various classes of foods, sufficient
vitamine content seems to be present to
satisfy the demands of the human
economy. In polishing rice the valuable
vitamine content is left in the tiqui-
tiqui, or rice polishings. This by-product
of rice mills is so rich in essential
vitamins that positive cures of infantile
beriberi have been obtained by the
proper administration of tiqui-tiqui ex-
tract. This extract of tiqui-tiqui is made
in great quantity by the Bureau of
Science for the alleviation and cure of
infantile beriberi.

If the tiqui-tiqui itself were eaten, it
seems reasonable to believe that a de-
crease in beriberi would be noticeable.
It can be prepared in a popular and pal-
atable form, and its use should be general.

The Bureau of Science with the co-
operation of certain bakeries has made
and favourably tested such a product.
Tiqui-tiqui of the best grade was sub-
stituted in whole or part for the flour
used in breads, cakes, and similar pro-
ducts. The products were eaten by
military men, business men, professional
men, tradesmen, and laborers. Many
expressions of praise were received for
the products. Such praise was based
principally on appearance and flavor.
When compared with whole wheat
bread only slight difference of
texture and flavor is apparent. Since
flour costs now P.14.50 per 50 kilograms
and whole wheat flour much more, a
partial substitution of good tiqui-tiqui
in breadstuffs would not only be sub-
stantiating present day ideals of
conserving the wheat supply, but would
also be commercially a profitable en-
terprise as well as beneficial to public health.
The present price of best tiqui-tiqui is
P.2.00 per 55 kilograms. Such tiqui-
tiqui, which should be specified as fresh
and for food purposes, can be supplied
by the rice mills at Manila, Calumpit,
Mayaguez, Marikina, Cabanatuan, Ba-
color, Bantua, etc. Should future
demand require it, no doubt a still better
potent tiqui-tiqui might be prepared
by submitting the kernels to a longer
interval of polishing.

Banana flour is another product
which may be substituted in part for
wheat flour in cakes and pastries. It
also serves well in puddings and other
desserts. Such a flour is made from the
commoner varieties of cooking bananas,
such as the saba and tunda. These are
sliced before maturity, skinned, cut
into slices and sun-dried. This
hard substance is ground until it will
pass a common fine mesh sieve. It is
then ready for use.

Such a flour makes a very good substi-
tute in pound cake, cookies, nut wafers,
fig bars, and other pastries. The product
gives to the pastry a rich nutlike flavor.
Samples of the various bakery pro-
ducts were made from materials of the
Bureau of Science by a Manila bakery
and submitted to test among individuals.
As with the tiqui-tiqui products, most
favourable comments were received.
Saba flour was furnished by the Bureau
of Science to the domestic science de-
partment of the Philippine Normal
School, where excellent "saba gems"
were made according to a recipe pre-
pared by them as follows—

Ingredients:
1 cup saba flour,
1/2 cup boiling water,
1/2 cup molasses,
4 tablespoonful crisco,
1 egg,
1/2 cup cold water,
1 teaspoonful soda,
1 cup wheat flour,
1/2 teaspoonful salt.
Method of preparing:
Four the boiling water over the saba
flour, and let it stand about ten minutes.
Add the molasses, melted crisco, and cold
water, and then the well-beaten egg.
Add the dry ingredients which have
been sifted together. Beat well and
bake in a moderate oven for about twenty
minutes.

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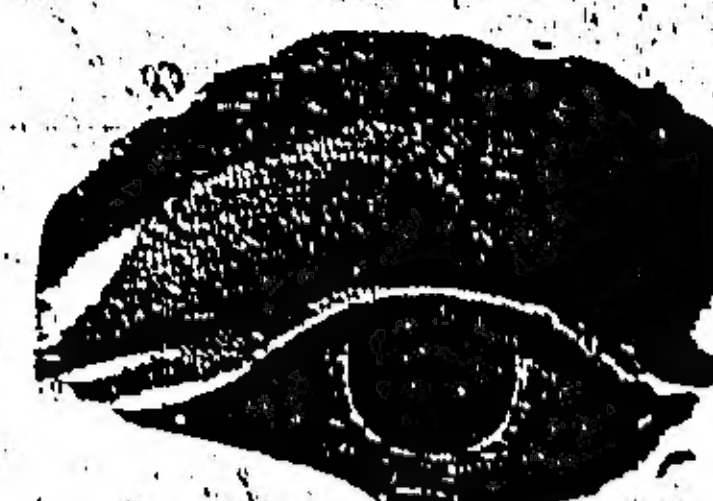
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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after noon the 25th October will be subject to rent. All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 28th October, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chipped and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th October at 10 a.m. by the Company's surveyors Messrs. Godard & Douglas. No insurance whatsoever has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY
9.15 p.m.—The Fantastics at the Theatre Royal. Change of Programme.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

10.45 a.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous Goods at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

10.45 a.m.—Auction of One Siamese Kitten at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's. Proceeds to go to War Fund.

11.30 a.m.—China Light and Power Co's. Meeting.

Cricket Match on H.K.C.C. Ground—Club v. Royal Engineers.

4.30 p.m.—The Fantastics Matinee at the Theatre Royal.

9.15 p.m.—The Fantastics at the Theatre Royal. Final Performance.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, Oct. 21—
Trinidad Day (1895).

MONDAY, Oct. 22—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at P.W.D.

TUESDAY, Oct. 23—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Bedsteads, Carpets, Pictures, Pianos, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 24—
4 p.m.—Auction at Theatre Royal for Finkle and the Fiddle.

THURSDAY, Oct. 25—
7.15 p.m.—Gymkhana Meeting at Happy Valley.

FRIDAY, Oct. 26—
8 p.m.—Ministering Children's League Sale of Work and Entertainment.

present effort is, no doubt, to enhearten the German people, who are evidently in a state of great and growing depression, but in the long run they will not be able to derive a great amount of satisfaction from any success they may achieve against the Russians in one small zone of the great war.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A small Chinese girl aged about 6 years was run over and killed by a truck near Jubilee Street this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. L. Bowley and family returned from a holiday in North China today by the Empress of Russia.

The Manila Observatory at noon today reported the cyclone or typhoon F. of the southern Visayas or northern Mindanao to be filling up.

We are informed by Mrs. Edkins, that a draft for £16, 10, 8, has been sent to the "St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers" the sum being part proceeds of the Open-Air Concert held recently at the Helena May Institute.

As many readers will know, the great hall of Queen's College is a sort of picture gallery, being adorned with large portraits of former masters of the college. The current issue of the *Yellow Dragon* (the College Magazine) quotes the following extract from an essay written by one of the boys in the College: "Queen's College Hall is beautifully decorated with the portraits of many famous men who were happy." What is fame? We presume that the youthful essayist had in mind something he had read or been told about hanging pictures in an academy.

THE MAGISTRACY.

SUGAR SUSPECTED TO BE STOLEN.

A Chinese was charged in Mr. Wood's Court this morning with the unlawful possession of a bag of sugar reasonably suspected of being stolen. P. C. Royley (R.) stated that he saw defendant with the bag of sugar yesterday. He asked him where he got the sugar. Defendant did not answer but ran away. He gave chase and caught defendant.

His Worship sentenced defendant to 14 days' hard labour.

RETURNED FROM BANISHMENT.

A Chinese was charge before Mr. Wood this morning with returning from banishment before his term had expired. Defendant was banished for five years in 1914 and yesterday he was found loitering in Yau-mati and was arrested.

His Worship sentenced defendant to nine months' hard labour.

THE FANTASTICS.

LAST PERFORMANCES TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW

The brilliant Company of Fantastics will bid farewell to Hongkong at their performances to-night and to-morrow afternoon and evening. For to-night's performance, there will be a completely new bill presented. Fern French, the pretty blonde soprano, will be seen for the first time as a dancer, in the "Shepherd's Dance." The two sisters, Nellie and Elsie Black, will present a big musical act, introducing flute, violin and vocal solos. Leonard Nelson will be heard in a budget of new songs while Hilda Felstead will do a new act entitled "The Lady-Slavery." Iry Aldous and Fred Kealey will present a new dance offering, interspersed with new songs and jokes. Redhead Wilson and Fred Kealey will be seen in a new athletic absurdity, called "The Crazy Ostlers." For to-morrow's matinee, children will be admitted at half price. The booking is at Montre's.

DIPHTHERIA—HOW IT MAY BE AVOIDED.

DIPHTHERIA is usually contracted when the child has a cold. The cold prepares the child's system for the reception and development of the diphtheria germs. When there are cases of diphtheria in the neighbourhood children that have colds should be kept at home and off the street until they are well and the cold has disappeared. Give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and they will not have to remain at home long. It also cleans out the culture beds which form in a child's throat when it has a cold, and minimizes the risk of contracting infectious diseases. For sale by all Chemists and Soapkeepers.

"OUR DAY."

FURTHER DETAILS OF YESTERDAY'S EVENTS.

While no Official statement is yet possible, as to the financial results of Hongkong's Our Day effort on behalf of the Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, it is possible for anyone, to form a rough idea from the information available, and we offer the following as a rough estimate of the financial results of the effort:—
The War Bond Drawing.....\$32,000
Donations to Lady May Rose Fund.....12,000
Auction of Roses.....7,600
Chinese Theatrical Performances.....28,000
Sale of Roses in the streets.....10,000
Fête in the Public Gardens.....14,000
Proceeds from Murray Parade ground including raffles &c.....10,000
Other Raffles, Auctions etc.....400
Total.....\$111,000

Some of these items are very rough estimates, but it is a practical certainty that the Committee will be able to remit to London this year a sum which, at the present rate of exchange, should considerably exceed £10,000.

The proceedings on Murray Parade ground were far from completed when we went to press last night, and we have consequently several additions to make to our report of yesterday.

The display given by the St. John's Ambulance Brigade lasted a couple of hours, and was watched throughout with the closest interest by a large number of spectators. The display given took the form of a competition for the "Ralphs Challenge Shield." Last year's winners, the Police Reserve, were not represented, and thus the competing units were the Victoria, Saiyungpun, Queen's College, and Y.M.C.A. divisions.

Before the competition started the four divisions represented were inspected by H. E. the Governor, and marched past the saluting base in column and quarter-column, presenting a very creditable appearance. The work of the Divisions was judged by Surgeon-General Draper, R.N., Major Morgan (Commandant of the Hongkong Defence Corps) and Surgeon-Major Black. The Victoria Division were declared the winners of the Competition, and H. E. the Governor in presenting the Shield said that this was the second year of the Competition, and he was sorry that last year's winners were not there to defend their title. The judges found that the Victoria division deserved most marks for company drill and for dress and kit; the Y.M.C.A. were first in field exercises and first aid; and Saiyungpun led in stretcher drill. His Excellency added that it gave him much satisfaction to note the great progress that had been made since last year, and in this connection, he must mention the hard work and valuable services of Mr. E. Ralphs. He desired, also, to thank Surgeon-General Draper and the other judges for officiating. His Excellency handed the Shield to Lieut. Gross, who was in charge of the Victoria Division.

The raffle for the artist proof drawing by Louis Raemaekers, the famous Dutch Cartoonist, which was kindly given by Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, has been won, we are informed, by ticket No. 124.

Another popular feature was the 20 cents. stall, on which were assembled some 1300 articles ranging from a bicycle to a toy, given by the Portuguese community. The articles were raffled for and the whole stock was disposed of. The stall was in charge of a Committee headed by the Consul for Portugal (Mr. E. V. M. P. de Souza).

Excellent arrangements were made for tea on the ground, and the demand was great. The Hongkong Hotel Company catered for the Europeans and the Mr. Y. San Company for the Chinese. All the proceeds will go to swell the hat total for "Our Day." Mrs. Taggart, in the Hongkong Hotel booth had assisting her Madams Stephens, Brotherton Harker, Baxter and Miss Wallace.

One of the features of the afternoon was a public auction of a special lot of 20 roses by the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, assisted by Mr. Labrum, and the persuasiveness of the auctioneers resulted in a total of \$7,650 being realized. Among the keen bidders were the little daughter and two small sons of Mr. and Mrs. Stabb whose eagerness it was amusing to witness. The price paid for the roses were as follows:—
Sir Robert Ho Tung.....\$600
Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.....250
Master N. Stabb.....200
Miss Stabb.....200
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Mr. Ho Fook.....175
Mr. Ritchie.....300
Mr. Ritchie's rose was put up again and Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak bought it for \$150.

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There were numerous \$1 raffles on the ground. The following list shows the prizes, the donors & the winners:—
Woodstock typewriter, presented by Messrs. Souza and Co., won by Mr. A. Marks, ticket No. 1, 620.
Smith Typewriter, presented by Messrs. Bohlgro and Co., won by Mrs. Nichol, ticket No. 337.
Cigars, presented by Hongkong Cigar Stall, Mr. H. Dickson, ticket No. 2, 313.
Silver mounted lavender water bottle, presented by Messrs. Watson and Co., won by Mr. Vergette (J) ticket No. 298.
Wagonette, presented by Messrs. Powell and Co., won by—V. Union, ticket No. 1, 419.
Set of war pictures, presented by Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, won by D. S. Eddy, ticket No. 11.
Chinese porcelain, presented by Messrs. Sun Co., won by H. W. H. Mody, ticket No. 288.
Two silver vases, presented by Messrs. Sincere & Co., won by J. H. Tarrant, ticket No. 2, 527.
Two silver vases, presented by Messrs. Wing On Co., won by Nellie Reynolds, ticket No. 2, 233.
Cigarettes, presented by Graco Egyptian Cigar Stores, won by A. Richards, ticket No. 322.
Picture made of used postage stamps presented by Messrs. Grace & Co., won by J. M. S. Machado, ticket No. 1, 766.
Oil Lamp, presented by Standard Oil Co., won by Jean Crispin, ticket No. 296.
Pair of cloisonné vases, presented by Mr. N. L. Watson, won by Mr. H. E. Green, ticket No. 2, 410.
The big raffle of the afternoon was for a motor car presented by the Portuguese community. It was raffled for under the one-cent to ten-dollars system. The lucky ticket was no 277, held we understand by Messrs. Archbutt & Co.

A handsome embroidered Japanese picture of His Majesty King George presented by Messrs. Komor and Komor with blackwood stand, was won by ticket No. 1121, and a smaller picture of Lord French, from the same generous donors, went to No. 41.

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There was a great crowd at the evening fete in the Public Gardens. All the "seating" accommodation (some 1200 chairs) had been taken at \$5 each, but it is estimated that some 3,000 or 4,000 people must have been present on the one dollar standing room basis. The grounds were very prettily illuminated by red lanterns and coloured electric lights and the general scene was most picturesque. The great attraction was the new War Film—"A Tale of the Tanks"—which is well worth seeing. H. E. the Governor was present.

A trio of instrumentalists of the Middlesex Regiment—Private G. Crane, Lee Corporal J. Moo, and Private L. Moo—played the incidental music during the showing of the film.

The Band of the 74th Panjabis and the Orchestra of the Hongkong Police Reserve played selections during the evening.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE TO-NIGHT.

The fete in the Gardens is to be repeated to-night. The Programme will be the same as yesterday. All caused tickets of yesterday.

CHILDREN'S COLDS.

WHY let the children rock their little bodies in such a distressing manner when you can so easily cure their colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all Chemists and Soapkeepers.

today of a dollar or on payment of a dollar, will entitle one to entrance and a seat. The gates will be opened at a quarter past eight.

GATHERING AT THE PHENIX CLUB.

A gathering of the members of the Phoenix Club was held at noon yesterday, when a large number assembled to wish success to the good cause. The Club premises were tastefully decorated with Union Jacks and other flags.

LADY MAY ROSE FUND.

Subscriptions already acknowledged:—
Messrs. Reiss & Co.....\$11,077.44
Mr. & Mrs. N. L. Watson.....200.00
Messrs. Karanjia & Co.....50.00
"M. H.".....40.00
Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton & Co.....25.00
Mr. U. Rumjahn.....25.00
"T. H. King.....20.00
"Noordin.....14.00
\$11,497.44

THE CHINESE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES.

The following statement of account shows the result of the series of Chinese Theatrical Performances inaugurated for the benefit of Our Day Fund:—
To subscription by H. E. the Governor.....\$50.00
"Chinese sub-committee.....12,350.00
"Ko Shing Theatre.....100.00
"Kau U Fong Theatre.....150.00
"Happy Retreat.....300.00
"sale of reserved boxes.....\$703.00
"sale of tickets at the Theatre.....2,058.48
"sale of tea and cakes.....308.40
"Motor Car earnings.....248.00
"Interest.....\$2.97
By hire of the Theatrical Company.....\$1,400.00
"rent of theatre.....40.00
"Sundry expenditure.....1,260.83
"Balance.....21,167.00
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CHANGCHUN-HARBIN RAILWAY.

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CRICKET.

C.C.C. v. 3rd Coy. R.G.A.
To be played to-morrow 2 p.m. on the C.C.C. Ground. The following will represent the C.C.C.—L. A. Ross, D. K. Kharas, F. G. Thompson, A. Grimmett, T. Thompson, G. Manley, S. J. D. Tonia, W. Graham, T. R. Ford, F. Schussel.

FOOTBALL.

A practice match, Hongkong F.C. v. R.G.A. will be played to-morrow on the Club ground. Kick off 4.30 p.m. The Club will play in white and will be represented by Goldenberg, Halston and M. Tubbin, Rodney Stewart, A. N. Omer, Ralston, Wood, McTavish, Fletcher and A. N. Omer.

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SUNSHINE AND COMMON SENSE.

DON'T doctor your blood for rheumatism. Use an external application of Chamberlain's Pain-Expeller. One few days it will get you up and on the road, and the pain will be gone. It is the only remedy that will cure you. It is the only remedy that will cure you. It is the only remedy that will cure you.

LU YUNG-TING, AN ALLEGRAIC PROBLEM.

A PEKING VIEW.

General Lu Yung-ting at the present moment is like the letter "X" in Algebra, an unknown quantity. From the day that Premier Tuan Chi-jui by his rapid march on Peking snuffed out General Chang Hsun's restoration "pipe-dream," General Lu Yung-ting has by every means at his disposal endeavoured to consolidate his own position with the object of becoming a southern dictator. With a strategy worthy of a better cause he has kept his real intentions from the Government. In the beginning he assumed Premier Tuan Chi-jui that he would give him his whole-hearted support in crushing the recent monarchical movement. When General Feng Kue-chang assumed office as Acting President, he wrote a letter of congratulation and assured him that he would do all in his power to assist him to bring about the consolidation of the country. When the Government, however, brought up the question of the National Council, and the conditions under which the new parliament was to be convened, he began to show signs that his support could only be secured at a price. By cryptic telegrams and messages he dealt with the attempts of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his followers to start another revolution, and it was only after the Military Government at Canton had been formed and Dr. Sun Yat-sen had appointed himself Generalissimo, that he indicated to the Government that he was in no way connected with the Canton conspiracy. It must be remembered that he waited to see what support the movement could depend on and who was placed at its head before he took such action. It is stated on good authority that he would have thrown the whole weight of his military command and his vast influence with the South and South-western provinces in support of this movement against the Central Government.

Subsequent to the formation of the Canton Military Government, there followed a continual stream of telegrams concerning the Government's intention to establish the National Council, and his attitude towards it. First, he was against its establishment; then he was willing to support its formation providing that the new parliament should be established within a stated time. When the Government agreed to this, he again changed his mind and demanded that not only should he be guaranteed his position, but that the officials in the South and South-western provinces should be changed for three years unless they committed some definite act against the Central Government. No often did his telegrams and dispatches contain such obscure views that it was impossible to understand what he really did intend, and so often did he change his mind, that the Government with the object of settling the question once and for all, sent delegates to interview him and ascertain exactly what he wanted.

In the meantime he was busy discussing with Tschuen Chen Fung-kun of Kuangtung and Tang Chi-jui of Yunnan concerning a consolidation of their military forces and the formation of a plan by which they would secure the convening of the National Council and the "revocation" of a new parliament. Being unable to give the delegates of the Government any definite reply, while these discussions were going on, he resorted to his favourite tactic of procrastination and a continual change in his demands. The delegates becoming tired of this, informed the Government of the exact situation, with the result that the Government of the exact situation, with the result that the Government decided to take definite action and to force Lu Yung-ting and his supporters to declare themselves on one side or the other.

General Lu Yung-ting, when he learned that the Government, tired with his vacillation, had determined to take action, sought to strengthen his position by encouraging the Hunan rebels. The Government is said to have evidence that he is mixed up in the movement although to all outward appearances he is taking no active part in it.

As matters stand now Lu Yung-ting is ostensibly with the Government while at the same time he is flirting with those against its authority. He is afraid to take definite action against it for the reason that he is not sure whether he is strong enough to maintain any fixed course, and he is afraid to move against it.

He has cut himself adrift from Sun Yat-sen and his followers, and on account of the peculiar situation in Szechuan and Yunnan he is not certain whether he can depend on Tang Chi-jui for support should he openly defy Peking.

If Lu Yung-ting and Chen Ping-kun had thrown themselves wholeheartedly on the side of the Government, the Canton Military Government would have been wiped out of the present long ago and the consolidation of this country would have gone a long way towards achievement.

The Government is striving its utmost to bring about a settlement by peaceful means, but it is beginning to become apparent that there is a limit to this policy. It has been decided to take the most determined action against Hunan, and if it is necessary the Government intends to adopt the same policy towards Lu Yung-ting.

If General Lu Yung-ting intends to make himself a feudal baron and become a dictator to the Central Authorities in imitation of General Chang Hsun it is better for the Government to know it as early as possible, and that can only be accomplished by forcing General Lu to place his cards on the table. To allow him to maintain his present position, whereby he is able to throw his military force one way or the other, just as the whim of the moment may strike him, can only lead to the present state of uncertainty being perpetuated, and the possibility of another revolution if always being held over the government.—*Peking Evening Times*.

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CABINET CRISIS IN FRANCE.

AN OBSCURE SITUATION.

LONDON, Oct. 18. An extremely obscure situation has developed in Paris since the Chamber passed its vote of confidence in the Poincaré Cabinet. On the 16th inst. there was a secret sitting at which apparently differences arose between the leading politicians about the Peace Question. Moreover, M. Poincaré's explanations at the public sitting, and his rugged dealing with M. Daudet's accusations against M. Malvy failed to please the Chamber. Consequently a Cabinet crisis appears to be impending. A reconstruction of the Cabinet will largely depend on the attitude of the Socialists who, while standing outside the Ministry, exercise a predominant influence. It is impossible to say whether the crisis is due to quarrels of politicians or to deeper underlying motives.

INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCES.

A CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS.

LONDON, Oct. 18. An inter-Allied Conference of Parliamentarians is now sitting in Paris. It is dealing chiefly with commercial matters and must not be confused with the great inter-Allied Conference which before long is to assemble in Paris to discuss the whole political and military situation.

Hitherto the American Government has held aloof from direct political association with the Allies, but is now reconsidering its attitude and is likely to participate in the Conference.

PORTUGAL'S PRESIDENT RECEIVED BY KING GEORGE.

LONDON, Oct. 18. The President of Portugal was received by H. M. The King at Buckingham Palace to-day. His Majesty returned the call at the Portuguese Legation and subsequently gave a luncheon in honour of the President at the Palace.

THE MOVEMENTS OF COUNT BUELOW.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18. The sudden return of Count von Buelow to Berlin has caused rumours to the effect that he is succeeding Dr. Michaelis.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS WILL VOTE FOR WAR CREDITS.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18. A conference of German Social Democrats at Wuerzburg has rejected by 284 to 26 the Independent Socialists' motion in favour of the Social Democrats voting against war credits.

TUBERCULOSIS IN AUSTRIAN ARMY.

ALARMING INCREASE.

ZURICH, Oct. 18. News from Vienna states that tuberculosis in the Austrian army was 63 per cent. during the first half of 1916, compared with 12 per cent. in the first half of 1915.

FOOD RIOTS AT PILSEN.

ZURICH, Oct. 18. An interpellation in the Reichsrath revealed that there were serious food riots in Pilsen in August. Seventy shops were plundered. The troops fired upon the crowd, killing and wounding several people. Martial law was proclaimed.

THE TROOPS OVERSEAS.

LONDON, Oct. 18. While the War Office is unable to grant general exemption from overseas service to all heroes of the early days of the war, arrangements are being made to meet hard cases.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Oct. 18. Silver is quoted at 42½. Demand is limited, but the market is dull.

AFFAIRS IN GREECE

TRIAL OF MEMBERS OF A LATE CABINET RECOMMENDED.

ATHENS, Oct. 18. A Parliamentary Commission of Enquiry has recommended that the members of the Skouloudis Cabinet, with the exception of Admiral Coundouritis, should be tried by the High Court for acts of illegality.

LATER. The charges against the Skouloudis Ministers include illegal dissolution of Parliament in 1915, the restoration to the Turks of Macedonia territory, the surrender of the fortress of Roupel to the Bulgarians, the violation of the Treaty of Alliance with Serbia, the encouragement of indiscipline in the Army, and German propaganda for terrorising the public.

ARABS RAID TURKISH RAILWAYS.

LONDON, Oct. 18. An official report from Egypt states that early in October Arabs successfully raided the railway communications north of Medina.

AMERICAN DESTROYER TORPEDOED BUT SAVED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. Admiral Sims reports that a submarine in the war zone on Tuesday torpedoed an American destroyer. One man was killed and five wounded. The damaged vessel reached port.

GERMAN SAULERS' MUTINY AT OSTEND.

REMOVED TO (H) ON SUBMARINES.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18. The Belgisch Dagblad reports that German sailors at Ostend mutinied yesterday week. They refused to go aboard submarines. An officer was thrown into the sea.

Thirty mutineers were arrested, handcuffed and sent to Bruges.

AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.

MADRID, Oct. 18. Martial Law has been revoked. The Minister of War has resigned and General Marina has been appointed his successor.

THE BAKU OIL STRIKE ENDED.

BAKU, Oct. 18. The strike on the oilfields has ended. Most of the men's demands have been conceded.

STRIKE OF CHEMISTS IN PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 18. A strike of chemists has begun. Only 32 out of 250 chemists' shops in Petrograd were allowed to be opened.

A SEAT FOR MINISTER OF NATIONAL SERVICE.

LONDON, Oct. 18. Mr. Geddes, Minister of National Service, has been adopted as the official party candidate for Basingstoke.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE TEA MARKET.

NEW GOVERNMENT SCHEME TO COUNTER HIGH FREIGHTS.

LONDON, Oct. 18. The Times states that owing to the heavy increase of shipments to the United Kingdom since the summer, the situation in respect to Tea Stocks will be greatly improved in the near future.

The new scheme of control of supplies which Lord Rhonda is preparing, whereby the Government will buy in Calcutta and Colombo L.O.B. and ship at Blue Book rates should go far to meet the difficulties due to advancing freights.

DEATHS OF TWO BRITISH NOVELISTS.

LONDON, Oct. 18. Mr. Claude and Miss Alice Asker (the well-known novelists), who were previously reported killed by enemy action, died from exhaustion after being rescued from India.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Oct. 18. The death is announced of Sir William Byles, M.P. for North Salford.

INDIAN POLITICS

MR. MONTAGU AND THE BESANT AFFAIR.

LONDON, Oct. 18. The following is a continuation of Mr. Montagu's statement in the House of Commons:

Mr. Joynton Hicks said the point was whether the release of Mrs. Besant was likely to conduce to peace and quietness in India. For the past two years Mrs. Besant had made several speeches and issued writings which in the opinion of the Viceroy were "exceedingly detrimental to the peace and wellbeing of India." Every other section of the Indian community agreed to abstain from political agitation but Mrs. Besant persisted, and Lord Pentland came to the conclusion that her activities must be stopped. With the assent of the Viceroy, he sent for her. Lord Pentland asked her to promise, to cease the propaganda during the war. She refused and also declined to allow the writings in her paper censored. She was then interned. It is now perfectly clear that when Mr. Montagu came into office he telegraphed something to India, and though possibly he did not order her release he suggested the idea to the Raj from this side. Mrs. Besant ever since her release had been going about India stirring up agitation, openly declaring that she had made no conditions in regard to her release. Mr. Joynton Hicks asked Mr. Montagu for a statement that he was not going to India with the idea of pressing Home Rule for India and that he was not in sympathy with the extremists.

Sir J. D. Rees said the advanced party had never regarded him as one of their warm supporters. He confessed he did not know what good Mr. Joynton Hicks' speech would do. On the contrary he felt it would do much harm. What did he want? Until Mrs. Besant and her friends again offered it was impossible for the Raj to cancel her release. He disapproved of Mrs. Besant as heartily as Mr. Joynton Hicks and wished she could be deported, but he felt that Lord Chelmsford ought, as far as possible, to be supported in the House. If the Raj were responsible for the release of Mrs. Besant from internment, Lord Chelmsford also should shoulder the responsibility and some of the strongest opponents of the Advanced Party thought Lord Chelmsford probably had good reasons for what he had done, and ought to be supported. The Governor-General-in-Council thought some criticism necessary as this new policy has been announced. If they were going to have the whole Congress in a state of ferment protesting against the internment of Mrs. Besant there would be no fair opportunity for the new departure. He urged the House not to denounce the very great difficulties Mr. Montagu had to meet.

Mr. Montagu quoted the answer given to question in the Legislative Council on the 5th of September and proceeded afterwards to say that the Raj received assurances from influential sources with reference to Mrs. Besant's conduct, which he considers satisfactory. He therefore decided to recommend to the Madras Government to remove all restrictions on Mrs. Besant and her colleagues, as they regarded the retention of the restrictions unnecessary in view of the altered situation created by the announcement that the Viceroy received a telegram from Mrs. Besant assuring him she was ready to co-operate in obtaining a calm atmosphere during the visit of the Secretary of State. Mr. Montagu added: "I would remind the House that although Mrs. Besant has been dealt with by the Government of Madras, her sphere of influence extended over other Provinces, and the removal of these restrictions are thus of more than provincial interest. The course followed in nowise implied any criticism of the action originally taken by the local government which was, in fact, approved by the Raj and has never been questioned by me."

Colonel Yate strongly criticised the phrase "alternative policy" used by Mr. Montagu in relation to Mrs. Besant. She has preached sedition from one end of India to the other yet Mr. Montagu described her policy as "alternative." All the Governors of the Provinces agreed, regard-

ing the mischief wrought by Mrs. Besant, and the great mistake made in not deporting her.

After further brief discussion the House adjourned.

PORTUGAL AND THE WAR.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.

LONDON, Oct. 18. The President of Portugal in a statement to Reuters says:

"This terrible conflict has already made the two oldest Allies closer Allies than ever. My country was always certain as to what would be the end, and through good and evil Portugal will continue with the Allies. What I saw during my recent visit to the battlefield, and what Sir Douglas Haig's splendid troops are doing makes me more certain than ever of our sure victory."

The President expressed much gratification at the cordiality shown to him by Their Majesties and by Sir Douglas Haig.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

There was considerable hostile artillery activity north-eastward of Ypres and in the coast sector.

Our artillery firing on the battle front continues.

BRITISH AERIAL RAID IN GERMAN TERRITORY.

LONDON, Oct. 18. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

British aeroplanes carried out a very successful raid this afternoon on German territory.

They attacked a factory westward of Saarbrücken and forty miles beyond the German frontier.

They dropped many bombs which had good effect, and fire broke out in the factory.

All the machines returned.

Many bombs were dropped yesterday on billets and trenches, and we brought down three German machines.

One of our machines is missing.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

RUSSIANS DESTROY ENEMY BRIDGES.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 18. Russian artillery yesterday destroyed a number of enemy bridges which were being thrown across the Dvina.

SUSPICIOUS SWEDISH MAIL POUCHES.

AMERICA REQUIRES GUARANTEE OF CONTENTS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. Although no official statements are forthcoming, Washington correspondents persist in the story that the Swedish Minister has made representations to the State Department in an endeavour to secure the release of Swedish diplomatic mail pouches alleged to have been seized at Halifax, and now held by the British Embassy in Washington with their seals intact.

The correspondents aver that the British Embassy does not desire to inspect the contents of the pouches, but merely desires a guarantee from the Swedish Government that they contain nothing unneutral.

The New York Times says that at the State Department's request the Swedish Minister has undertaken to cable to Stockholm and endeavour to secure the guarantee.

VICTORIA CROSS AWARDS.

STIRRING STORIES OF HEROISM.

LONDON, Oct. 17. Further stirring stories of heroism are related in the "Gazette," which announces the names of nine new Victoria Cross winners.

One of the most striking instances is that of Private Harry Brown, late of the Canadian Infantry. A strong enemy counter-attack captured a position and caused a most critical situation. All the wires being cut and it being of the utmost importance that Headquarters should be informed of the position, Brown and another soldier were given a message and ordered to deliver it at all costs. The other messenger was killed and Brown had his arm shattered, but he proceeded through an intense barrage until he reached close to the support lines and found an officer. Brown was so spent that he fell down at the dugout steps, but retained consciousness long enough to hand over the message saying: "Important message." He then became unconscious, and died a few hours later. His devotion to duty was of the highest and undoubtedly prevented the temporary loss of the position and many casualties.

Sergeant Frederick Hobson, Canadian Infantry—During a strong enemy counter-attack a shell buried a Lewis gun in a forward post in a communication trench leading to the enemy lines and killed all the crew except one. Hobson, though not a gunner, grasping the great importance of the post, rushed from his trench, dug out the gun and got it into action against the enemy who were advancing down the trench and across the open. The gun jammed and Hobson, though wounded, rushed at the enemy and held them back single-handed with his bayonet and clubbed rifle until he was killed by rifle shot. Meanwhile the surviving gunner repaired the gun and reinforcements shortly afterwards arriving, the enemy was beaten off. Hobson's valour and devotion to duty saved a most serious situation.

The remaining recipients are all of British regiments including Sergeant John Carmichael, North Staffords, who, in order to save his comrades, placed his steel helmet over a burning grenade and stood on it. The grenade exploded and blew him out of the trench, seriously injuring him. This splendid act of resource and self-sacrifice undoubtedly saved many men.

Lance-Sergeant John Moynoy of the Irish Guards, although surrounded by the enemy, being without water and with only a little food, held with fifteen men an advanced post for twenty-six hours. On the morning of the fifth day a large force of the enemy advanced to dislodge him, whereupon he attacked the enemy, bombing and machine-gunning them most effectively. Being surrounded by superior numbers he led his men back in a charge through the enemy, reaching a stream between his post and the line. He and a private covered the retreatment while the remainder crossed the stream, and when the whole of his force was safely across, Moynoy himself crossed under a shower of bombs. His endurance, skill and devotion to duty enabled him to bring his entire force safely out of action.

ROYAL DONATIONS TO "OUR DAY" FUND.

LONDON, Oct. 17. His Majesty the King has donated £10,000 to "Our Day." Her Majesty the Queen £1,000, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales £3,000.

Last year's contribution by His Majesty the King was £5,000, and that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales £1,000.

AMERICAN DONATION.

The American Red Cross have donated £200,000.

OFFICER CASUALTIES.

WAR OFFICE CONTRADICTS A SWEDISH ALLEGATION.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The War Office, in reply to the Swedish newspaper's allegation that British Officer casualties averaged 611 daily, declared that they averaged 183 daily in August, 108 in September, and that the highest daily average was 232 in July, 1916.

The above figures include the slight casualties.

MEMORIAL TO GUYREMER.

PARIS, Oct. 18. A marble tablet in memory of Guyremer, the famous French aviator, is being placed in the Chamber of Deputies.

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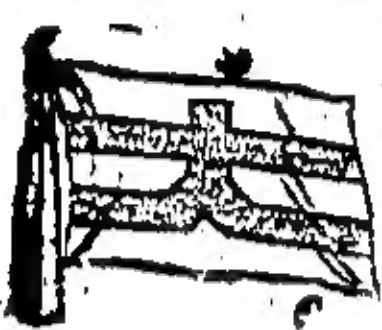
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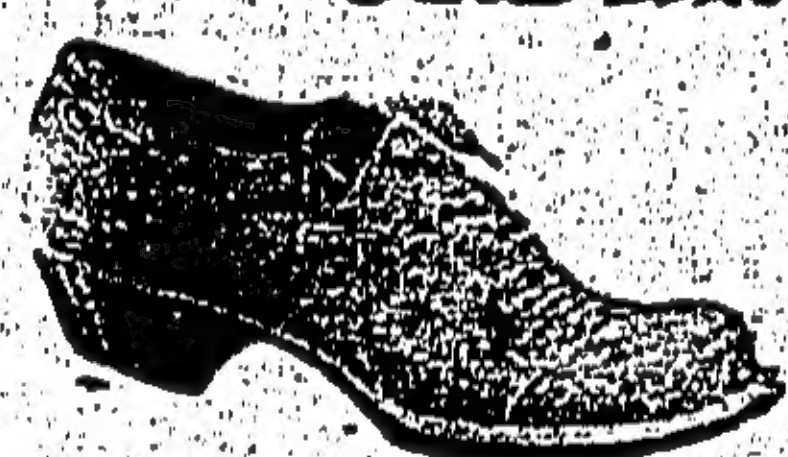
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